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In re Application of:

MAKIKO ENDO, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/708,569

Filed: November 9, 2000

For: IMAGE FORMING PROCESS, INK)
SET, IMAGE BY INK-JET)
RECORDING, RECORDED)
ARTICLE, SURFACE-TREATED)
ARTICLE AND SURFACE)
TREATING PROCESS)

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 2853

July 11, 2001

Director, the Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-
English documents may be found in the specification at pages 1, 3
and 4. (Two of the U.S. patents are mentioned at page 88 of the
specification.) Also, Applicants have obtained English language

computer database Abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies, and English language counterparts, where readily available, are enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report from a counterpart application, dated April 12, 2001, citing two of the documents.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/708,483 /	11/09/2000	2853
09/708,574 v	11/09/2000	2853
09/708,568 v	11/09/2000	2853
08/635,335	12/15/1994	1108

A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this

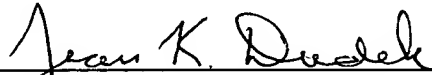
paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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